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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak before the Committee today. My name is Julian Bencze, I'm a resident of Portland Maine, and I am speaking today in opposition of LD 1337, LD 1432, and LD 380.

I am a transgender adult who has been grateful for the Maine government's continued support of trans healthcare, and I urge you not to roll back your stance in the face of the national government's political agenda. As a trans person, living in Maine has granted me safety, comfort, and acceptance, which has in turn allowed me to have a successful career and help others in need. These measures would make life significantly harder for an already vulnerable subset of people, and would not positively affect the lives of any other Mainers.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective with the Committee. I urge you to vote "Ought not to Pass" on these bills.